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Food truck season finally here

"Welcome back" and "I missed you this winter" were heard among patrons joining a lineup Thursday at Prairie Smoke & Spice BBQ's City Square Plaza spot. Many customers stayed outside, eating on benches that line Victoria Park — a true sign that spring has finally arrived. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Spring sizzle.

Fan-favourites return, along with a couple of new vendors serving up good eats outdoors

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As soon as Prairie Smoke & Spice BBQ opened its serving window on Thursday, a familiar summer smell filled the air at City Square Plaza — almost an announcement that Regina's food-truck season is finally here.

"We are cooking on our smoker right in the plaza, so that smell brings people in," said Rob Reinhardt, owner of Prairie Smoke & Spice BBQ, which serves up homemade, smoked-meat meals.

Although Prairie Smoke & Spice stood alone at the downtown site, another six trucks have permits to serve there — as well as three vendors who are signed up for the Regina Farmers' Market that will officially open for the season at the plaza on Saturday.

There are fan-favourite food trucks from last year, and a couple of new vendors for downtown visitors to try.

"More variety is a good thing," said Reinhardt. "If we have a plaza with lots of options, we think people will come. Even if they are not eating at our place, they are going to eat at somebody's."

Diane McPhie works downtown and eats from food trucks a couple of times a week.

"I am so excited that it is finally nice enough to get outside, get some fresh air and some good food," said McPhie, who sat on a Victoria Park bench to enjoy her meal.

This is the second year for the city's downtown food pilot project. A new $600 fee has been charged to vendors parking at the plaza after the city analyzed the cost of hosting the trucks there. The fee is also aimed, in part, at making it competitive for downtown restaurants.

"We use the power that's here. And I am sure there is garbage left behind from when customers eat around here, so we understand that charge," said Reinhardt.

"We are looking forward to another good summer out here, that's for sure."

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Murder mystery solved

Cold case. Caretaker was fatally shot at Saskatoon country club in 1963, police say

MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

Saskatoon police have cracked a 50-year-old homicide case.

Thanks to new forensic technology, the Saskatoon Police Service (SPS) announced Thursday it believes it has found the person responsible for the 1963 murder of 53-year-old Richard Hartz.

Police say Hartz was the live-in caretaker at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club when he was shot to death with a .22 calibre firearm during what they believe was a robbery at the facility.

Although police won't be releasing the suspect's name, as he died in 2009, they feel they have provided some closure to the Hartz family.

Sgt. Grant Little, the SPS detective assigned to historical homicides, says the recent break was a result of microscopic testing done by Microtrace LLC labs in Elgin, Ill., on matches found on the scene in 1963 and a matchbook found in a stolen truck driven by the suspect.

"The matchbook that was found in the suspect's vehicle was believed at that time to be a match. Unfortunately, at the time they were analyzed by what was then called hair and fibre at our national lab and it was inconclusive," said Little. "Technology has changed a lot and microscopic abilities and all of those things have increased, so that's what we looked at."

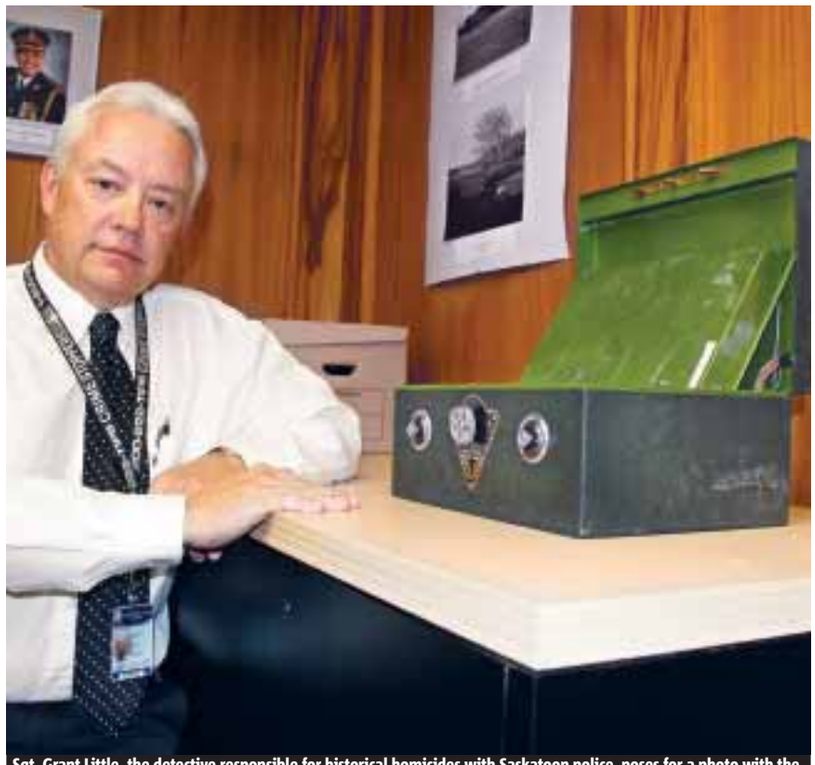
He says though the matches were the main forensic link in the case, there was other evidence pointing to the deceased suspect.

"I'm confident if he were alive, we would be arresting him," said Little.

Over the years, SPS interviewed several hundred people and examined more than 20 firearms in relation to the case.

Little says he hopes the investigation sends a message to the public.

"As science gets better, we are going to have more successes in these historical cases. The message is, 'just because we didn't get you however many years ago, it doesn't mean you're out of the woods.'"



Sgt. Grant Little, the detective responsible for historical homicides with Saskatoon police, poses for a photo with the cashbox that was taken from the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club during a robbery in 1963. Police say they believe the club's live-in caretaker was shot during the robbery and now, 50 years later, they say they've determined the identity of the person responsible for his death. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

Dog park looking more like a duck park

Cathy Lauritsen Memorial Off-Leash Dog Park in the city's west end is largely underwater. METRO

Cathy Lauritsen Memorial Off-Leash Dog Park, which sees 50 to 100 people enter its gates each day, is so flooded that the City of Regina closed the site Thursday and will likely keep it shut down for weeks to come.

"The dog-park area is in the flood plain, and since it has started to flood we've closed it for everyone's safety," said Janine Daradich, co-ordinator of recreation-facility development. "There is a multi-use pathway that is located on the outside of the dog-park area, and that pathway is closed as well."

Daradich added she can't predict when the park will reopen.

"This park has closed before, and I think people realize that it is safest for everyone if the park is closed."

Meanwhile, Wascana Lake is expected to rise more than a metre starting this weekend as temperatures increase. The city warns that as the water passes through Regina, it will be extremely cold and fast-flowing with undertows.

The number of Saskatchewan communities under flood emergencies has grown and officials warn there's more water to come with the snow melt. The rural municipality of Wilton, near Lloydminster, is the ninth community to declare a state of emergency.

Colder-than-normal temperatures this spring delayed the run-off, but the Water Security Agency says a lot of the province will see the snow melt this weekend.

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Summer gig

Saskatchewanderer ready for all the province has to offer

Armed with a camera, a Ford Escape and a sense of adventure, this summer's Saskatchewanderer is ready to explore.

Caitlin Taylor has been chosen as this year's Saskatchewanderer — highlighted as "the best summer job ever" — and will spend the next four months travelling around the province, visiting festivals and sharing her experiences via social networks.

"It's just a combination of absolutely everything that I like — video editing, blogging, photos, meeting people from all around Saskatchewan and bringing that message back to social media," Taylor said on Thursday. "And the best part is it's in Saskatchewan."

Taylor is planning to go all the way north to the Athabasca Sand Dunes — a task no 'Wanderer has faced yet — and to the many festivals in small-town Saskatchewan. She says she wants to show "not only Saskatchewan, but Canada, how great Saskatchewan actually is."

Caitlin Taylor METRO

"There are so many stereotypical things that people think about Saskatchewan, like when they drive across the Number 1 highway," said the 20-year-old.

"If they go an hour north, they will see that it is not like that at all."

Taylor was raised just outside Saskatoon and has finished her first year at the University of Saskatchewan, where she is majoring in drama but thinking about changing her focus to journalism.

This is the fourth summer that the provincial government's Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport has hired a Saskatchewanderer. Last year, the 'Wanderer travelled more than 15,000 kilometres in 108 days. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Tax-weary Manitobans welcome here, Krawetz says

PST rage. Anger over planned tax hike could benefit Saskatchewan

Shortly before hundreds of frustrated Manitobans rallied together on Thursday to blast their government's latest tax hike, a Saskatchewan cabinet member suggested they might find the grass greener one province to the west.

Finance Minister Ken Krawetz said Saskatchewan is open to an influx of new residents or businesses from Manitoba as part of a "reaction" to that province's government moving to increase its sales tax from seven to eight per cent.

"If people in Manitoba are unhappy with the amount of taxation they're paying and there are job opportunities here, maybe there will be a positive reaction to that," Krawetz said before the large demonstration at the legislative grounds in Winnipeg against the PST increase.

"And we're trying to ensure that Saskatchewan remains open to anyone."

Manitoba's governing New Democrats announced, in their provincial budget last month, the intention to hike the PST by a percentage point beginning this summer in an effort to generate an additional $277 million in the year ahead.

Krawetz noted Saskatchewan's five per cent PST is "no doubt" significantly different than what Manitoba is charging. He also cited the situation of one new Saskatchewan resident who recently arrived from Manitoba to find a yearly personal income tax saving of more than $5,000 on the same salary.

"We have some advantages to what goes on in some other provinces, and we want to make sure we continue to show that we're open for anyone to move in," he explained, adding that the governing Saskatchewan Party wants to see that "over $450 million worth of tax savings is being given back" to the province's people.

"People now look at us in probably a different way than they had in the past. And that's why our population over the last five years has grown by 82,000."

Colin Craig, regional director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, said the frustration in Manitoba over its tax load is palpable.

"A guy in medical school emailed me, and said, 'Why am I going to stay here when I graduate?' " Craig said. "I totally understand why the average Joe is pulling his hair out."

ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

About 500 people gathered on the steps of the Manitoba Legislature in Winnipeg, Thursday, to protest the NDP's proposed provincial sales tax hike. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hit with $2,000 fine

Texas man caught trying to smuggle guns into province

A Texas man has been hit with a $2,000 fine in Regina after trying to sneak firearms and ammunition into Saskatchewan on his way to Alaska.

Jeremy Wayne James, 28, was ordered on Monday in provincial court to pay the penalty after a .22-calibre handgun, a replica .44-calibre handgun and seven over-capacity assault rifle magazines were discovered in his truck at the North Portal border crossing as he arrived there on April 26 from North Dakota.

His arrest and subsequent conviction for non-reporting, under the Customs Act, came after he told Canada Border Services Agency staff at the crossing that the only weapons he was travelling with were two BB guns and a bow.

Using X-ray gear, inspectors found the other weapons and items packed among household goods. METRO

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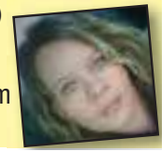

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Teen charged after experiment blows up

Felony. Explosion on school grounds after girl, 16, experimented with mixing toilet bowl cleaner and aluminum foil

Scientists fondly remembering their school days of blowing things up were rallying Thursday in support of a 16-year-old model student in Florida charged with a felony after her science experiment exploded.

Kiera Wilmot was experimenting with mixing toilet bowl cleaner and pieces of aluminum foil in a water bottle outside but still on school grounds. Bartow High School assistant principal Dan Durham, in charge of discipline, heard the explosion and called police. She was taken to a juvenile centre and charged with a weapons felony.

Scientific American published two essays in support of Wilmot. Nature Geoscience wrote in her defence. Scientists also created a Twitter campaign with the hashtag #KieraWilmot.

"Most of us didn't become scientists because of something that happened in a classroom," said Dr. Danielle Lee. "She wanted to see for herself. That is a classic experiment. Sometimes things blow up."

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Heavy hand of the law?

"She is a good kid. She has never been in trouble before. Ever." **Kiera Wilmot's school principal Ron Pritchard,** reacting to Florida assistant state attorney advising police to file a charge of possessing or discharging weapons or firearms at school.

Florida student Kiera Wilmot

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Soulful. Filipino teen discovered on YouTube asked to serenade Ellen

Fourteen-year-old Aldrich Lloyd Talonding from the southern Philippines can't believe his luck: talk show host Ellen DeGeneres wants him to fly to the United States to be a guest on her show.

A video of Aldrich's soulful rendition of Luther Vandross' "Dance with my Father," — made for fun and posted on YouTube by a cousin — has had more than 1.1 million hits since April 21.

DeGeneres recently played the video on her show, called the boy "amazing" and asked him to "please come here and sing to me and all of my friends here."

Aldrich said Thursday he is applying for a U.S. visa after getting a call from the show's producers last week. A cousin who played the guitar in the video and an elder sister plan to go with him.

The son of Christian ministers and members of the B'laan indigenous group said he was "happy, surprised and nervous" about his newfound fame. Philippine journalists have descended on their previously quiet community.

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Idrich Lloyd Talonding, 14, latest singing sensation. YOUTUBE SCREEN GRAB/METRO

Lecture circuit mix-up

Not the 'shiver me timbers' pirates, folks

A man held hostage by modern day Somali pirates says he was bemused when he encountered a crowd of eye patch-wearing, plastic sword-wielding women on the lecture circuit in England.

Retired sailor Colin Darch, 75, said Thursday that his host thought he was going to speak about olden day pirates, rather than modern bandits.

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Drug smuggling

Morocco to Spain — alleged hash gang busted

A gang that allegedly used jet skis and boats to smuggle drugs into Spain through the country's southern coast has been busted.

Spanish cops made 30 arrests. The smugglers used fishing and recreational boats bring drugs from Morocco to Mediterranean Sea rendezvous points. Hash was then transferred to couriers on jet skis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

133,000 kids under 5 died in famine

Somalia. New study attributes nearly 260,000 deaths to militant food ban, slow aid response in 2011

A decision by extremist Islamic militants to ban delivery of food aid and a "normalization of crisis" that numbed international donors to unfolding disaster made south-central Somalia the most dangerous place in the world to be a child in 2011.

The first in-depth study of famine deaths in Somalia in 2011 was released Thursday, and it estimates that 133,000 children under age five died, with child death rates approaching 20 per cent in some communities.

That's 133,000 under-five child deaths out of an estimated 6.5 million people in south-central Somalia. That compares to 65,000 under-five deaths that occurred in all industrial countries in the world combined during the same period, a population of 990 million, said Chris Hillbruner, a senior food security adviser at FEWS NET, a U.S.-sponsored famine warning agency.

FEWS NET was one of two food security agencies that sponsored the study. The other was the Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit - Somalia. The two agencies had warned the world as early as fall 2010 that failed rains in Somalia meant a hunger crisis was approaching.

"The world was too slow to respond to stark warnings of drought, exacerbated by conflict in Somalia, and people paid with their lives," said Senait Gebregziabher, the Somalia director for the aid group Oxfam.

The new study put the total number of famine deaths at nearly 260,000.

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Hunger crisis

"These deaths could and should have been prevented."

Senait Gebregziabher of Oxfam

In this July 2011 photo, a woman sits with her child at a local hospital to receive treatment for malnutrition at the border town of Dadaab, Kenya. A report released Thursday by two U.S. government-funded famine and food agencies gives the highest death toll yet from Somalia's 2011 famine, estimating that 260,000 people died — more than double previous estimates. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

$2-million reward. Cop killer the first woman on FBI's most wanted list

The FBI has made the fugitive member of a black militant group convicted of murdering a U.S. state trooper, now living in Cuba, the first woman on its list of most wanted terrorists.

The reward for the capture and return of Joanne Chesimard, now living as Assata Shakur, was doubled to $2 million on Thursday, the 40th anniversary of the bloody gun battle.

"She continues to flaunt her freedom in the face of this horrific crime," New Jersey State Police Superintendent Col. Rick Fuentes said at a news conference.

The U.S. Justice Department has offered a $1 million reward for information leading to her capture. The additional money is being put up by the state of New Jersey.

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Kosovo

New suspects investigated in organ-trafficking probe: EU

A European Union prosecutor in Kosovo says a new probe into illegal organ trafficking has begun just days after five people were found guilty of running a criminal ring that lured poor people from Eastern Europe into selling their kidneys to rich recipients.

Prosecutor Jonathan Ratel said Thursday that evidence emerged during the trial of seven citizens, five of whom were convicted this week of performing 24 illegal kidney transplants in a private clinic. He said there could be more suspects.

Urologist Lutfi Dervishi was sentenced Monday to eight years in prison and his son Arban Dervishi received seven years and three months in prison. A third defendant, Sokol Hajdini, was sentenced to three years. Two other people received suspended sentences and two were freed.

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Firing squad. Papua New Guinea premier seeking nation's first executions

Following a number of high-profile killings related to sorcery, Papua New Guinea's government is pushing for the South Pacific nation's first execution and says firing squads would be a humane and inexpensive method.

Papua New Guinea's laws allow for the death penalty and about 10 condemned inmates are currently in prison there, but the country was a colony of its neighbour Australia when the last prisoner was executed — by hanging — in 1954.

Prime Minister Peter O'Neill said on Wednesday that legislation will be introduced when Parliament resumes in two weeks.

In February, a mob stripped, tortured and bound a woman accused of witchcraft, then burned her alive in front of hundreds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cancer drug Avastin linked to flesh-eating disease

Necrotizing fasciitis. Health Canada issues a warning after two Canadian cases, one of which was fatal

Health Canada is warning that the cancer drug Avastin has been linked in rare cases to necrotizing fasciitis, the fast-moving bacterial infection also known as flesh-eating disease.

Two Canadians taking Avastin developed necrotizing fasciitis and one of them died, the federal department said Thursday in a warning issued in conjunction with the drug's manufacturer, Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd.

A vial of the cancer drug Avastin. GENENTECH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration published a similar warning in mid-March, indicating that cases of the tissue-destroying infection have mainly been seen in people with wound-healing complications or certain internal bleeding conditions.

A safety review of the drug by Roche identified 52 cases of necrotizing fasciitis reported worldwide between November 1997 and September 2012; 17 of them were fatal, including the one Canadian.

The cases occurred in patients treated with Avastin for several types of cancer. About two-thirds were being treated for colorectal cancer; 21 of the patients had gastrointestinal perforation, fistula formation or wound-healing complications that preceded the onset of the often deadly infection. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Killer robots. Machines shouldn't have 'power of life and death': UN report

Killer robots that can attack targets without any human input "should not have the power of life and death over human beings," a new UN report says.

The report for the UN Human Rights Commission posted online this week deals with legal and philosophical issues involved in giving robots lethal powers over humans.

Report author Christof Heyns calls for a worldwide moratorium on the "testing, production, assembly, transfer, acquisition, deployment and use" of killer robots until rules can be developed for their use.

In the report, Heyns writes, "Decisions over life and death in armed conflict may require compassion and intuition. Humans — while they are fallible — at least might possess these qualities, whereas robots definitely do not." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this artist's rendering, a Taranis aircraft is shown. A new UN report posted online this week objects to the use of weapons systems like the Taranis that can attack targets without any human input. BAE SYSTEMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Culture of secrecy'

Free-speech group gives feds D-minus

A test project that allows requests for information to be made online is among a few positive developments that have lifted the federal government's overall transparency performance to a barely passing grade, according to a new report by a free-speech advocacy group.

At the same time, the report by Canadian Journalists for Free Expression takes aim at the Conservative government for its "culture of secrecy" as epitomized by the muzzling of federal scientists.

"There are good reasons to go even lower than last year's failing F," states the Review of Free Expression Canada, released ahead of Friday's World Press Freedom Day. "But rather than repeating this dismal year, we hope the federal government will heed the many voices calling for change."

Overall, the group's 2012-2013 report gives the federal government a D-minus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Central banking stunner. Economist Stephen Poloz named new BoC governor

Stephen Poloz, the former head of Export Development Canada, was named Thursday as the next governor of the Bank of Canada, replacing Mark Carney, whose term ends June 1.

The appointment to a seven-year term follows a lengthy search process set in motion by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. "Stephen Poloz has a long and distinguished career in the public and private sectors with 30 years experience in financial markets, forecasting and economic policy," Flaherty said.

The early favourite to replace him had been Tiff Macklem, 51, the second-in-command at the bank who had apparently been groomed for the prestigious post. Indeed, many central-bank watchers described Thursday's news as a stunner.

"Why did the finance minister decide to take this direction as opposed to the widely expected choice of going with the current senior deputy governor? The answer may be (he) would like to see a governor with more experience with dealing directly with the private sector," said a CIBC note to clients. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephen Poloz THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"Who said that central banking was boring? The choice of Stephen Poloz ... is a huge surprise."

CIBC, in a note to clients

Triclosan. Safety of soap ingredient under review — after being sold for decades

It's a chemical that's been in North American households for more than 40 years, from the body wash in your bathroom shower to the knives on your kitchen counter to the bedding in your baby's basinet.

But U.S. federal health regulators are just now deciding whether triclosan — the germ-killing ingredient found in an estimated 75 per cent of antibacterial liquid soaps and body washes sold in the U.S. — is ineffective, or worse, harmful.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is planning to deliver a review this year of whether triclosan is safe.

The ruling, which will determine whether triclosan will continue to be used in household cleaners, could have implications for a $1-billion US industry that includes hundreds of antibacterial products from toothpaste to toys.

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U.S. federal health regulators are reviewing the safety of triclosan, the germ-killing ingredient found in an estimated 75 per cent of antibacterial liquid soaps and body washes on the market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Factory collapse

Loblaw to audit structural integrity of supplier buildings

Loblaw says it will continue manufacturing Joe Fresh clothing in Bangladesh and also take new steps to ensure the structural integrity of supplier factories in the wake of a building collapse that killed more than 400 people.

"We must do a better job to enforce the safety of workers producing our products in Bangladesh and around the world," Joe Mimran, who founded the Joe Fresh brand, said Thursday before Loblaw's annual meeting.

One of the factories in the building produced Joe items, but numerous other clothing makers were also in the complex. "I'm very troubled," said Galen Weston, executive chairman of Loblaw. "I'm troubled by the deafening silence from other apparel retailers on this." THE CANADIAN PRESS

House hunting study

Homebuyers find love at first sight

Looking for a perfect home can be an emotional roller-coaster, but a new study suggests finding the right property often comes down to love at first sight. In its report titled Psychology of House Hunting, the Bank of Montreal found 80 per cent of prospective homebuyers know if a house is right for them the moment they step inside. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Edmonton

Petro-Canada stations run dry as refinery is repaired

Some Petro-Canada stations are running out of gasoline because of repairs taking place at a refinery in Edmonton.

Gasoline-producing units at the Edmonton refinery were supposed to keep running during a period of planned maintenance work, which began about a month ago.

But during routine inspections, Petro-Canada discovered that repairs needed to be done and the gasoline units were taken out of service temporarily.

"So as a result, we have had to stop providing gasoline to some of our stations in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan," said Nicole Fisher a spokeswoman for Suncor Energy Inc., the oil giant that owns the Petro-Canada stations and refineries.

"We understand that this is an inconvenience to our customers and we're working really hard to minimize the impact."

In the meantime, she said Suncor is bringing in additional gasoline from elsewhere by truck and rail and sourcing it from other companies.

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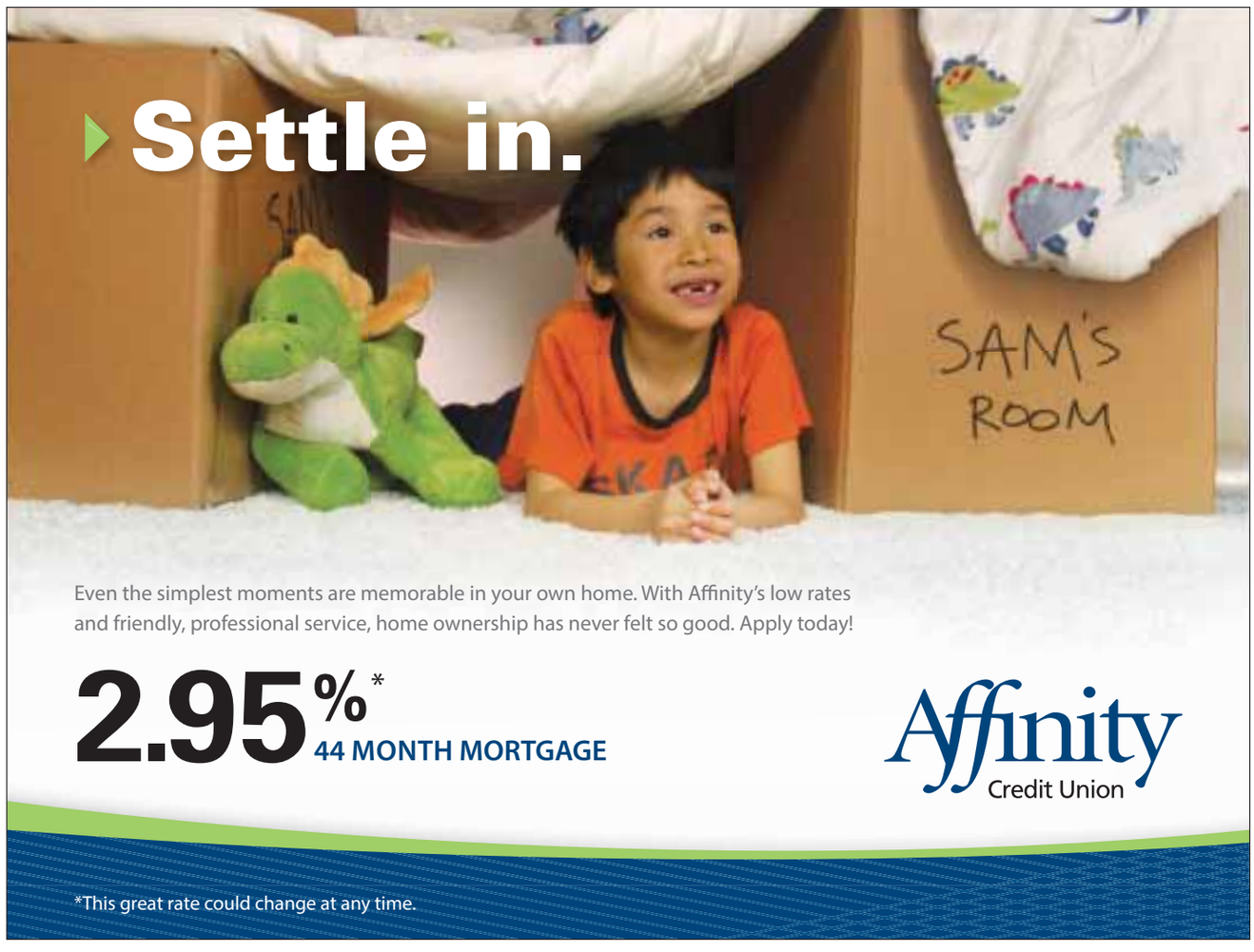
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DARKROOM TAKES ON DIGITAL

THE METRO LIST

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1 Ricky Romero. Romero, the former ace of the Toronto Blue Jays who was left with the Class-A Dunedin Blue Jays after spring training to correct his delivery, is already back in the majors. With the Jays floundering and starter Josh Johnson injured, Romero is pitching Friday against Seattle. The panic button was pressed.

2 CBC open house. CBC headquarters in Toronto is opening its doors for free May 16-19 to feature The Canada Lives Here Experience, a larger-than-life exhibit that looks at the Canadian experience through the CBC lens. Take the tour and get to meet some of your fave CBC personalities in Q and A sessions. Visit Canadaliveshere.ca to learn more.

3 Amanda Knox. In an absolutely riveting hour of TV on ABC Tuesday night that 8.5 million viewers watched, Diane Sawyer asked probing questions that often left the viewer with more questions than answers about the case. What the interview *did* definitely confirm is that Sawyer is a pro, one of the best interviewers anywhere.

4 The Darkroom Project. This publicly accessible, analog darkroom is housed in Canada's longest operating photography studio (it began in 1856) at the historic Roy Studio building in Peterborough, Ont. It's run by a group of local photographers who want to revive the historic darkroom and make it a world-class centre for the production of handmade images. Find out more about a piece of Canadian history at TheDarkRoomProject.ca.

5 Consumed. This new book by Canadian author Sarah Elton provides a thoughtful, inspiring look at the future of food on our planet in the face of climate change and population growth. Food sustainability issues have never been more pertinent, and Elton travels the planet — from rural India to Detroit (yes, Detroit) — to find unique forms of modern agriculture in development. Consumed: Food for a Finite Planet may well change how you view, and consume, food. A must read.

6 You Move Me. Canadian entrepreneur Brian Scudamore's 1-800-GOT-JUNK made picking up junk sexy, and his new company, You Move Me, could do the same for moving. Trying to pioneer the moving industry, it promises "to move people, not just their boxes." This includes complimentary morning coffees, a housewarming plant as a post-move gift, no-charge assembly and disassembly, and a wardrobe box that doubles as a kids' fort! Now that's customer service.

7 Birdees sex ed app. Are you worried about what happens if your child walks in when you and your spouse are 'under the sheets making hay'? And what are you going to say when your child asks, "how are babies made?" No worries, there's an app for that! Yes, Vancouver-based Mary Roka and Jen Weidemann's Birdees app provides an innovative way to turn sex ed into a game, delivering quick answers to the toughest questions parents might get.

8 Leafs Nation. They had waited nine years for a playoff game, but all the Leafs gave Leafs Nation was a headache Wednesday night with their stinker — losing 4-1 to Boston. Maple Leafs head coach Randy Carlyle put it best, saying his team, "self-destructed." They'd better get their act together for Game 2 in Boston Saturday night. A nation will be watching. Go Leafs Go.

9 WestJet. I flew with WestJet to Orlando last weekend, and was blown away by their WestJet Cares for Kids program for Make-A-Wish Canada. We witnessed kids with life-threatening medical conditions who were treated like royalty on the plane by stewardesses with big hearts and smiles. And then they got to go to Disney World. Further proof these acts of kindness make a world of difference.

10 The Daily Show with... It was revealed this week The Daily Show with Jon Stewart will be The Daily Show with John Oliver — at least for the summer. Seems Stewart is taking a hiatus to direct his first movie, Rosewater, Comedy Central announced. If things don't work out with Oliver, a correspondent on the show, The Daily Show with Neil Morton sounds like a gem.

11 Warren Buffett tweets. Warren Buffett, at 82 years old, joined the twitterverse Thursday with a cool tweet, "Warren is in the house," from his @WarrenBuffett handle. Buffett hit 140,000 followers in three hours after that single tweet — and the billionaire now has the second-richest verified personal account behind Bill Gates. Here's hoping he'll tweet financial advice to the rest of us — how to pay off your house — perhaps?

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Green and yellow water in White Sea

FRANCO BANFI/SOLENT

Divers take a dip in icy emerald sea

Braving sub-zero conditions, eerie light overhead and perilous darkness below, two scuba divers explore a mysterious but extraordinary underwater world beneath layers of ice. This fascinating picture taken by photographer Franco Banfi reveals what lies beneath the iced surface of the White Sea on Russia's north-west coast.

The water's colours of green are created from humus — a major component in the organic matter of soil. The water is even yellowish and brownish in hue near the river mouths where humus content is high. The ice itself is often coloured by algae, which provides a major food source for marine life. The world's northernmost regions have some of the most coloured waters.

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was the temperature of Russia's White Sea during Banfi's expedition. Salt causes water to freeze at a lower temperature. Salt molecules act in a way that shields the water molecules from interacting among themselves, making it less likely that ice will be formed.

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It's been a little while since we checked up on some of the great Canadian talent available on Band Camp, an online music store that allows customers to buy music directly from artists. Here are three recent additions that are worth checking out.

The Grey Owls:

Banjo, mandolin and sparkling harmonies. Sounds pretty good, right? It is. (jordanfaye.bandcamp.com)

Blackout Beach:

It's been a while since I've listened to anything from Frog Eyes, but Carey Mercer's yelp is as tightly wound as ever on this album, recorded in the B.C. barn studio of Dante Decaro. (blackoutbeach.bandcamp.com)

Pow Wows:

If you listen to enough surf and garage rock, it all tends to bleed into one ramshackle song. But I cherish that song and Ottawa's Pow Wows crash their way through it beautifully. (bruisedtongue.bandcamp.com)

Comments

RE: Six Ways to Kill a Cyclist, published April 28

We should not be focusing on driver training, cyclist education, cyclist protective gear (helmets, etc.), or anything like that in terms of increasing cyclist safety. WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON PROVIDING PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE.

We can't leave the street as a wide, empty, basically blank canvas for cars to completely dominate and then expect everyone to try and be egalitarian and altruistic.

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Lee Smith posted to metronews.ca

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Synopsis

It's May 3 and there's a new Iron Man movie. That means it's summer movie season and soon theatres will be filled with angry aliens, hungry zombies and giant sea monsters. There will also be some wild movie characters as well. It's popcorn movie season and this week the Reel Guys have a look at what movies make them hot as the temperature rises.

Iron Man 3 hits theatres Friday and heralds the beginning of summer blockbuster season and the Reel Guys are making their summer picks. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Summer must-sees

Preview. The days are getting longer and warmer — and the Reel Guys can't wait to hide out in a dark movie theatre!

Richard: Mark, summer movies leave me feeling conflicted. I'm always in the mood for something with substance, so I'll definitely line up to see Before Midnight, the third part of the Ethan Hawke-Julie Delpy relationship trilogy, but man, there's something about the hot weather that makes me want to watch things explode. To satisfy that basic need, Star Trek Into Darkness is high on my list. How about you?

Mark: Richard, there are two kinds of people: Star Trek people and Star Wars people. Unfortunately, I am neither. I am looking forward to the Superman reboot, Man Of Steel. Nothing says "popcorn movie" better than the granddaddy of all superheroes. I'm also looking forward to Wolverine. He's the most complex and nuanced of all the X-Men characters and I enjoyed the first one even more than the rest of the X-Men series. By the way, I'm not a Before Midnight guy either. During the first two, I kept hoping both characters would fall into the Seine.

RC: How about zombies? I'm a big fan of The Walking Dead so I'm looking forward to World War Z filling the gap between seasons of the show. If brain-eating undeads aren't your thing, however, how about some brain dead teen thieves? The Bling Ring is Sofia Coppola's movie about real-life rich kids who used the Internet to track the whereabouts of celebrities and then rob their homes. It'll be the opposite of a gritty true crime story — one of the victims, Paris Hilton, even has a cameo — but fans of L.A. and Louboutins should find something to like here.

MB: Two good choices, Richard! I don't even like zombie movies and I can't wait for World War Z! Brad Pitt and millions of rotting ugly faces — the contrast alone will be high drama. And I like everything Sofia Coppola does. And if we're talking indie films, what about The Wonderful Now, a coming-of-age rom com that was a Sundance favourite this year? Or on a different note, Lovelace, the biopic of the Deep Throat star which asks the burning question: how badly does Amanda Seyfried want to change her image?

RC: After The Big Wedding, Seyfried needs to shake things up a bit. I think the wildest movie of the summer might turn out to be Pacific Rim. Sea monsters versus robots? I'm in.

MB: I'm looking forward to a movie where there won't be a single human to get in the way. Or there's always the next Vin Diesel picture.

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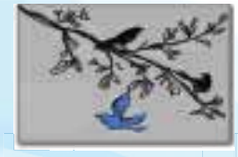

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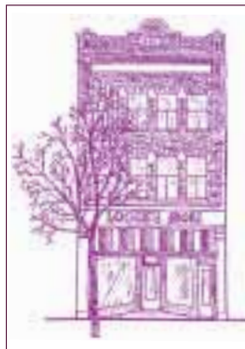

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Bill has made a documentary, dude

Downloaded. Even 25 years later, Alex Winter still gets plenty of questions about Bill & Ted and the biggest of all — will there be another?

Alex Winter's latest project is a documentary focused on the rise and fall of Napster. GETTY IMAGES

When child star Alex Winter attends a film festival, there's only one project fans want to discuss — Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure.

No matter that the slacker comedy is nearly 25 years old, or that the guy who played Bill to Keanu Reeves' Ted has moved on to directing serious documentary projects.

The 47-year-old Winter says he's still recognized "all day, every day" as the dim-witted teen history buff from the 1989 comedy, even as he makes the rounds at the Canadian International Documentary Festival with his Napster-focused saga Downloaded.

"Everywhere in the world," Winter says of Bill's widespread reach during a recent interview in Toronto.

"I literally was shooting a car commercial in the Sahara Desert, I am not joking — on a dune — and got recognized."

Winter says his acting days are largely behind him and that his real passion has always been to direct.

He began working on Downloaded nearly 10 years ago, when he envisioned it as a dramatic feature tracing the rise and fall of Napster and its young-but-brilliant masterminds Shawn Fanning and Sean Parker.

Winter says he wrote the script for Paramount in 2004, spending "a couple of years" researching and writing it well before 2010's The Social Network traced a similar line for Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg.

"There was probably a million reasons why (it didn't get made) but it was also just very early to be telling a story about the digital revolution," says Winter, who cut his teeth directing music videos and commercials.

As for ongoing speculation of a long-awaited follow-up to the Bill & Ted sequel Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey, Winter is concise in his response: "I can't comment."

Which, of course, only suggests that the project is finally happening, right?

"I hope so," Winter says cryptically, insisting he can't say more.

"People who are Bill & Ted fans tend to be really sweet so I think it's awesome," he says of lingering nostalgia.

Downloaded screens Friday at Toronto's Hot Docs festival.

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Alex Winter and Keanu Reeves during their Wyld Stallyns days. HANDOUT

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Candice Bergen's dad was no dummy

Film. How actress' ventriloquist father helped push the boundaries of American show business

Candice Bergen is producing a film about her late father, the famed ventriloquist Edgar Bergen, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The big-screen project will tell the story of Bergen's dad and his ventriloquist's dummy that became an unlikely celebrity, spokeswoman Heidi Schaeffer said. The movie will be based on Candice Bergen's 1984 memoir, Knock Wood.

In a statement, Murphy Brown star Bergen said her father was overshadowed by the three-foot-long wood character named Charlie McCarthy, who got the best lines while the reserved Edgar Bergen played straight man.

"This creation took over and eclipsed the creator," Candice Bergen said. "It was the dummy that wouldn't die. All the fan mail initially went to Charlie. And Edgar wasn't really welcome at parties in the beginning unless Charlie was with him. It was totally surreal."

James Francis Trezza and Pam Widener, who are producing the film with Bergen, said they want to introduce a new generation to the early days of American show business, from vaudeville through the birth of TV, and explore how Bergen navigated its changes.

Charlie "was truly Bergen's alter ego and, perhaps more interestingly, he was America's alter ego," producer Widener said in a statement. "At a time when manners and standards ruled the airwaves, Charlie said the unsayable and got away with it."

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Still Mine. Cromwell won't go gently into that good night

In director Michael McGowan's moving fact-based drama Still Mine, veteran character actor James Cromwell delivers his first leading man role.

It's symptomatic of the man who, at the age of 55 and after decades in the business, finally found Hollywood fame (and an Oscar nod) as the caring Farmer Hoggit in the celebrated children's film Babe.

Cromwell's patience — and that of his fans — has paid off however and his performance in Still Mine is a marvel to behold.

The film sees Cromwell as Craig Morrison, a man deeply in love with his wife (Genevieve Bujold) and who cannot accept the onset of dementia that is slowly ravaging her mind.

Instead he sets his iron will on building her an accessible house by hand. And though red tape, concerned children and his own physical limitations threaten to derail his plans, Morrison intends to see the project to completion, an allegory for his refusal to go gently into that good night while still making his peace with the inevitable outcome that awaits all of us: death.

"I think that's what the last part of your life is, coming to terms spiritually with whatever comes next," Cromwell told Metro earlier this year.

"It's the same with birth. People tell expectant mothers that birth is so terrible, but it's perfectly normal and can be handled that way. I was with my stepmother and watched her die and it was one of the most important moments in my life.

"She did it with as much grace and elegance as she did anything else.

"I'd like to think I'll be able to do the same and that's why this character appealed to me so much."

CHRIS ALEXANDER/METRO

Action

Iron Man 3

Director. Shane Black

Stars. Robert Downey Jr., Don Cheadle, Gwyneth Paltrow

In the third instalment, The Mandarin (Sir Ben Kingsley), an Osama bin Laden wannabe, is terrorizing the planet. The situation becomes personal when Stark's girlfriend Pepper (Gwyneth Paltrow) and bodyguard (Jon Favreau) are threatened by the madman. Iron Man 3 is a huge summer action movie, but it's darker than parts one and two. The story is deeper but I have one complaint: It's hard to understand why Robert Downey Jr. doesn't spend more time in the iron suit. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Children of the screen

"Kind of like Tony's obsession with the suit, this genre of movie, this and the Sherlock stuff, it's addictive...

"Because they're big movies. Interesting people seem to be drawn to them in recent years. You get really cool directors, people really running wild with their imagination."

Robert Downey Jr. on getting used to starring in blockbusters.
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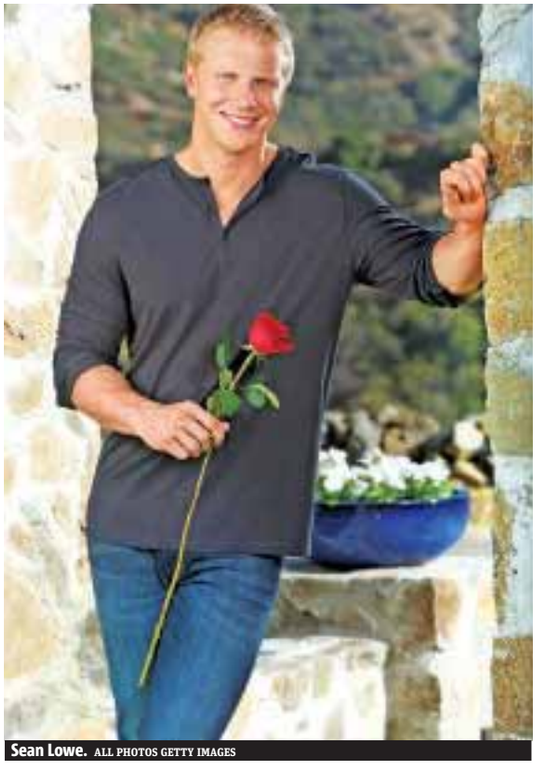

Sean Lowe. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Who's that girl with the 'Virgin Bachelor'? It's not his fiancée ...

The "Virgin Bachelor" Sean Lowe boarded an L.A. flight on April 25 for a public appearance in North Carolina.

He didn't take fiancée Catherine Giudici along with him, but rather it was his Dancing With the Stars partner, Peta Murgatroyd, who was his seatmate, reports Life & Style.

An eyewitness tells the magazine: "It was his dance partner from the show. I couldn't believe my eyes."

Lowe is now on the defensive, saying Murgatroyd went with him so they could "squeeze in more rehearsal time." I wonder what else they "squeezed in" on that trip?

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The Word

Spice Girls lose some of their, well, spice

THE WORD
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The Spice Girls' West End musical, Viva Forever!, which features the girl band's songs, is closing eight months early due to slow ticket sales. The show was scheduled to run until February 2014, but it will now close next month.

Spice Girl Geri Halliwell (a.k.a Ginger Spice) has expressed her disappointment on Twitter, writing, "We love u all Viva Forever, what a shock, gutted."

A message from the show's producer, Judy Craymer, reads: "It is with a heavy heart that I've had to make this very difficult decision to post closing notice for Viva Forever! … Despite the wonderful audiences, extremely positive feedback and the standing ovation at every performance … we just can't make it work.

"I am extremely proud of everyone involved in this production. Viva Forever! may be taking its leave for now in the West End but the legacy of Spice Girls will never fade!"

Yeah, no. Actually, if your musical closes after four months, your legacy is fading. That's exactly what that means.

Reese Witherspoon

She might be drunk and disorderly, but Reese is definitely not pregnant

Two weeks after she was arrested for disorderly conduct and her husband was arrested for a DUI while in Atlanta, Reese Witherspoon is attempting damage control.

"We had one too many glasses of wine. We thought we were fine to drive and we absolutely were not," she told Good Morning America. "I saw (the officer) arresting my husband and I literally panicked. I said all kinds of crazy things. I told him I was pregnant — I'm not pregnant." She told him she was pregnant? Did she think the officer would be more sympathetic to a drunk pregnant woman?

Twitter

@kelly_clarkson
Congrats to the top 4 girls on Idol! You're all talented and just because there's one winner doesn't mean you all can't win in the end :)

@MarioLopezExtra
RIP Chris Kelly. Kris Kross an iconic one hit wonder rap artist from my childhood in the 90's... 'Jump' is still a tight jam. #MacDaddy

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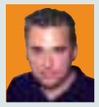

LIQUID ASSETS
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While it may not be politically correct to admit, when it comes to just about anything, "looks" really do matter. Of course, what each of us considers attractive can be subjective. What turns my head may turn your stomach.

Though far from scientific, a great example of this can be found on wine bottles. Wine marketers spend exorbitant amounts of time trying to figure out ways to make their brands stand out on the shelf, and the label is a wine's way of making a first impression.

I have two words for those who scoff at artsy wine panels: Mouton Rothschild. The über famous Bordeaux winemaker has been commissioning famous painters to spruce up its labels since 1946.

California's Bear Flag Smooth Red ($12.95 to $13.99) may not be as posh as Mouton, but its label adds new meaning to the term decorative. It's a cartoon explosion of images that includes a magic bus, a big bear and a not-so-subtle jab at the labels of the great French Chateaus. It's a natural to wash down grilled burgers and will look great doing it.

PETER ROCKWELL IS THE EVERYMAN'S WINE WRITER, TRAVELLING THE GLOBE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO FILL HIS GLASS

Brekkie Pie

This recipe makes 4 pies. CONTRIBUTED/PRIME PUBS

Who says you can't have pie for breakfast?

Brekkie pie. This favourite includes scrambled eggs, breakfast sausage and bacon, baked in a crisp pastry —what more could you want?

1. Thaw pie shells and pastry rounds, then follow package directions to pre-cook pie shells. Rounds will be used raw.

2. Whisk 8 eggs together with salt and pepper until smooth.

3. Add butter to large saucepan on medium heat. Add sausage and bacon to pan and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until bacon fat has rendered off, about 5 minutes.

4. Add whisked eggs to pan. Continue mixing until eggs begin to set and are slightly white in colour. Add grape tomatoes and green onions.

5. Remove pan from heat. Add cream cheese and hollandaise sauce. Mix well.

6. Divide mixture equally in bottom of each shell and cover with pie shell top. Press edges with fork to seal.

7. Brush beaten egg on tops using pastry brush.

8. Place pies in 375 F oven and cook until pastry is golden and crispy, about 12 minutes.

9. Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly. Serve with your favourite salad.

Chef's Tip: Purchase packaged pie shells and pastry dough from grocery store.

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Ingredients

- 4 5-inch pie shells with tins, pre-cooked
- 4 5-inch top pastry rounds
- 8 eggs
- salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp butter
- 4 breakfast sausages, cut into small pieces
- 4 slices bacon, raw, cut into small pieces
- 8 whole grape tomatoes, cut in half
- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped
- 1 tbsp cream cheese
- 1 tbsp Hollandaise sauce
- 1 egg, beaten

Put some crunch into your back bacon

Back Bacon Crunch

This recipe serves 2.
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1. Set up breading station for back bacon. Place flour, beaten egg and panko bread crumbs in three separate containers. Coat back bacon in flour, remove, coat in egg, then panko bread crumbs. Repeat for remaining three pieces.

2. Fry bacon in generous amount of vegetable oil at 350 F for about 2 minutes or until golden brown.

3. Spread butter on hamburger buns and lightly toast.

4. To caramelize onions: place small amount of vegetable oil in frying pan on medium-high heat. Add onions and sauté for about 20 minutes, stirring continuously. Season with a few pinches of salt. Onions are done when they are deep brown in colour and very soft.

5. To assemble sandwich: place two pieces of crunchy back bacon on bottom of bun then top with one slice of tomato. Add caramelized onions and sunny side up egg.

6. Serve with skewered fruit and some hash browns.

CHEF BRYAN JUREK/PRIME PUBS

Ingredients

- 4 slices back bacon
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
- vegetable oil, for frying
- butter, for spreading
- 2 hamburger buns, no seeds
- 1 white Spanish onion, thinly sliced
- salt
- 2 thick slices hot house tomato
- 2 eggs, cooked sunny side up
- slices of your favourite fruit
- hash browns

Carlyle plans shuffle to get Leafs moving

Preparing for Game 2. Injuries and poor play will result in a different looking Toronto lineup on Saturday in Boston

Head coach Randy Carlyle shares a laugh with his team during Thursday's practice at Boston University. Carlyle said he'll make changes to the Leafs' lineup after Wednesday night's 4-1 Game 1 loss. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Expect lineup changes Saturday night when the Toronto Maple Leafs try to improve their fortunes against the Boston Bruins in Game 2 of their NHL playoff series.

Some will be enforced. Toronto coach Randy Carlyle said Thursday that Michael Kostka was out with a broken finger after taking a shot in the second period of Wednesday's 4-1 loss, while fellow defenceman Cody Franson had a bruised foot courtesy of a Bruins shot.

Star forward Phil Kessel, who was one of several Leaf big guns missing in action Wednesday, was absent from practice Thursday in what was termed a "maintenance day."

The last Leaf to have a maintenance day was first-line centre Tyler Bozak and that led to him sitting out the final two days of the regular season. But Kessel, who had just one shot on net Wednesday, said he was fine.

"I've got a couple of things to take care of and that's about it," said Kessel.

The Leafs leading scorer reportedly got some treatment on his wrist during Wednesday's game.

Carlyle made it clear that he plans to revamp his lineup, with defencemen Ryan O'Byrne and Jake Gardiner as possible additions.

"I would suggest that one of them or maybe both of them are going to play," said Carlyle.

Asked about his forwards, the coach said: "There will be changes up front."

Joe Colbourne, Ryan Hamilton and Matt Frattin are waiting in the wings, with question marks over Frazer McLaren and Colton Orr. Both tough guys were involved in a melee at the end of the game.

"I think the emotions and the chippiness have to be demonstrated in a positive way, not in a negative way as they were at the end of the game," said Carlyle.

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Suspension

Grabbo elbow costs Ference Game 2

Boston Bruins defenceman Andrew Ference has been suspended one game for an illegal check to the head of Toronto Maple Leafs forward Mikhail Grabovski.

Ference went unpunished in Boston's 4-1 playoff win Wednesday night when he elbowed Grabovski.

Grabovski finished the game.

"I just remember a pretty hard hit to my head," the Belarusian forward told reporters Thursday.

The league called the hit reckless in ruling that Ference, after playing the puck in the corner, had lunged toward the oncoming Leaf, "extending his left arm and shoulder, picking Grabovski's head and making it the principal point of contact."

CFL

Roughriders release RB West

The Saskatchewan Roughriders released running back Brandon West on Thursday.

The five-foot-10, 193-pound West spent two seasons with the Roughriders after joining the CFL club as a free agent in March 2011.

West rushed for 233 yards on 45 carries in 2011 but only ran 15 times for 48 yards last season.

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WHL

Benson goes 1st overall to Giants, Pats pick Steel at 2

The Vancouver Giants have selected Tyler Benson with the first overall pick in the 2013 Western Hockey League bantam draft.

Benson played last season with the Southgate Lions of the Alberta Major Bantam Hockey League that captured the Alberta and Western Canadian triple-A championships.

The Edmonton native broke the AMBHL record for the most points in a season with 146 (57 goals, 89 assists) in 33 games played.

The Regina Pats selected forward Sam Steel from the Sherwood Park Flyers of the AMBHL with the second overall pick. Steel led his hometown Flyers in scoring this season with 104 points (52 goals, 52 assists) in 31 games.

The Prince George Cougars took defenceman Josh Anderson with the third pick. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Forward thinking: Canada brings big guns

Team Canada's Jordan Staal, left, chats with goalie Devan Dubnyk during practice on Thursday in Stockholm. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's strength at the men's world hockey championship is up front.

Firepower at forward puts Canada among the favourites to win the International Ice Hockey Federation's premier tournament.

Led by the Tampa Bay Lightning's Steven Stamkos, twice the winner of the NHL's Maurice Richard Trophy as the league's top goal scorer, Canada's forwards boast substantial international experience and success in the NHL.

"I like our whole group altogether, but obviously there's some firepower up front and some offensive weapons who at the NHL level have really done well and contribute for their teams," captain Eric Staal said Thursday at the Globe Arena in Stockholm.

Canada opens Saturday against Denmark followed by Switzerland on Sunday. Canada hasn't won a world title since 2007 and exited in the tournament with quarter-final losses the last three years.

Stockholm and Helsinki are co-hosting the men's world tournament for a second straight year with the Swedish capital the site of the medal games this time.

As always, defending champion Russia is a co-favourite as that country gears up to host the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. The host Swedes and Finns, the Czech Republic and last year's surprise silver medallist Slovakia are also contenders in the 16-team field.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is more than one way to reach your destination, so don't get upset if your current path is blocked. Aries are inventive, so use your mind to acquire what it is you desire.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It would appear that someone you work with has been less than honest with you. Most likely it won't affect you but it will cause you to think twice before you trust them again.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may not have all the answers to life's big questions but you do know enough to tell someone they are talking nonsense. Don't back off just because they have a reputation that you don't. The truth trumps everything

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will be surprised to find yourself agreeing with someone whose views you usually dismiss as irrelevant. Maybe they do have something to say. Maybe they can teach you something new.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Interesting information will come your way soon and you must use it to improve your bargaining power. Your rivals would not ignore it, so why should you?

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The very last thing you should do today is to try to force people to see things your way. Persuasion is always better than coercion.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
When you ask a straight question you expect a straight answer and if you don't get it today you can be pretty sure someone is hiding something from you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What's your big idea? You do have one, don't you? The planets are working in your favour now and if you run with that idea you could make a name for yourself – and maybe a fortune to go with it!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
How can you make your life more interesting – and more profitable too? Give it some thought over the next day and soon you'll have had one of those light bulb moments.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are determined to get your way but others are just as keen to stop you getting your way. So what do you do? Trick them by pushing for the opposite of what you actually want. It might just work.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your rational mind may reject what you see or hear today but a deeper part of you will know at once that it is true. If in doubt always listen to your inner voice. It has the answers.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Try not to be too domineering, especially when dealing with loved ones. You know that what they are doing will end in tears but, if they won't listen, they'll just have to find out for themselves.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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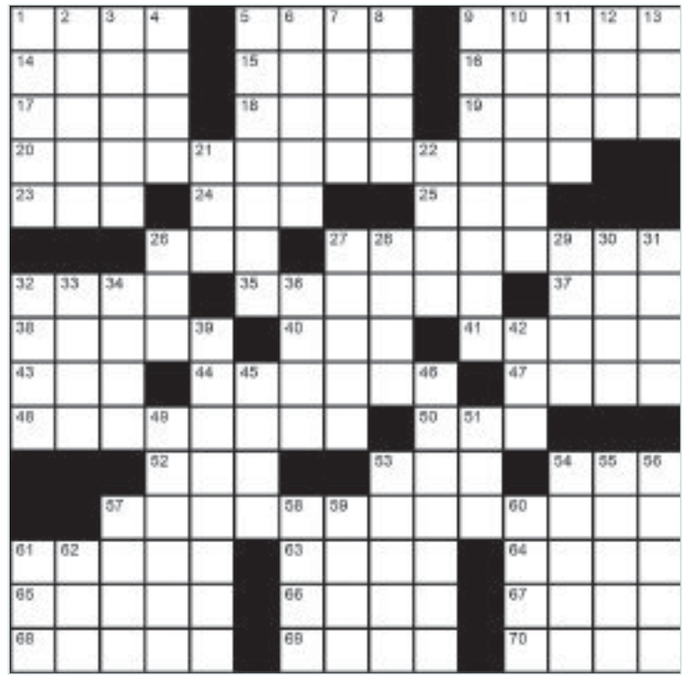
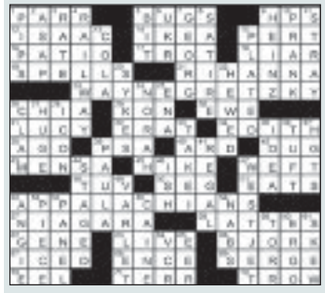


Across
1. __ and hearty (Robust)
5. Quaint spot to have lunch
9. Top-notches
14. Had to pay
15. Antarctica's Prince __ Coast
16. Capital of Tibet
17. Robbie Robertson's group, The __
18. Sort of spy
19. Ancient harps
20. 18th Prime Minister: 2 wds.
23. Currency in Japan
24. Physique, for short
25. Ms. Farrow
26. Mil. force
27. Neil Simon play, __ Beach Memoirs
32. Book's flipped-one-of-some
35. Santana song featuring Rob Thomas
37. 'Picc' add-on (Small flute)
38. Aerobics move
40. Mr. Gershwin
41. Ballroom dance
43. Flight schedule acronym
44. Private mountain estate in Citizen Kane (1941)
47. Bird's bill
48. Ship spar
50. Ms. Richie, to pals
52. Work at
53. Belonging to Irish writer George William Russell's pen name
54. Authorize
57. Creature in Canada thousands of years ago: 2 wds.
61. Baking need
63. Floor mat fibre
64. Chill
65. Charter
66. Do a bit of Spring cleaning
67. Mr. Stewart's
68. Men At Work hit: "Down __"
69. Cummerbund
70. Human hinge

Down
1. Stamp collecting, for one
2. On the ball
3. Russian ruler at rest at Red Sq.
4. Icelandic myth story
5. House of __
6. Spoken/heard
7. Tumble
8. ...happily __ after.
9. The whole evening: 2 wds.
10. "Hey! That's right!": 2 wds.
11. __ a soul
12. WNW's opposite
13. Airline to Stockholm
21. Peacock network
22. Exclude
26. Rule, for short
27. Sacha Baron Cohen character
28. Traversed thing
29. Singing voice characteristic
30. Gymnastics great Ms. Korbut
31. Breakfast corner
32. Commoner, commonly
33. "Grand Theft __" (1977)
34. Eat at
36. Skirt style
39. Early visitor to Canada
42. "20/20" network
45. Chemical group
46. Discover
49. Hubby, for one
51. 'Tour' suffix
53. Not quite right
54. Input username/password info: 2 wds.
55. Music piece
56. This stuff
57. Blue dyestuff
58. Some flat-screen TVs, e.g.
59. "I never promised __ _..."7.

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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	3			4		7		
	9		3	2				7
		2				1		
3				8	9		5	
		3		9			7	
7	1						2	9
			6		2			8

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	5	7	1	6	4	2	9	8
4	8	2	9	5	3	1	6	7
9	1	6	2	8	7	4	3	5
6	3	5	4	1	2	8	7	9
8	4	1	6	7	9	3	5	2
7	2	9	8	3	5	6	4	1
1	7	4	5	2	6	9	8	3
5	6	8	3	9	1	7	2	4
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